

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8-9, 11, 14-28 and 30-31 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 2-7, 10 and 12-13 have been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matters of claims 7 and 10. In addition, claims 1 and 14 have been amended to replace "bifunctional or greater polyisocyanate" with --polyisocyanate having two or more functional groups--, and claims 8-9, 11, and 14-17 have been amended to change "characterized in that" with --wherein-- for purposes of clarity; the amendments are directed to form only.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Preliminarily, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge Applicants' claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and confirm receipt of the priority document from the International Bureau.

I. Response to Rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner inquires what a "great polyisocyanate" is.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 recites "(B) a bifunctional or greater polyisocyanate", not "great polyisocyanate". Thus, (B) can be a polyisocyanate having two or more functional groups. It is respectfully submitted that the limitations of claim 1 are definite. However, to advance prosecution, "a bifunctional or greater polyisocyanate" has been replaced with "a polyisocyanate having two or more functional groups" in claims 1 and 14 for further clarity.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Response to Rejection of Claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Yamazaki (JP 2003-309701; hereinafter "Yamazaki").

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Yamazaki is cited as teaching a resin composition containing a urethane (meth)acrylate obtained by reacting a polyhydric alcohol containing phosphorus with a poly functional isocyanate and a hydroxylated (meth)acrylate. *See Abstract.* However, Yamazaki does not disclose an urethane (meth)acrylate compound obtained by reacting (A) a polyol compound containing a phosphorus-containing polyol represented by formula (5) and a carboxyl group-containing, phosphorus-free polyol having one or more carboxyl groups and two or more alcoholic hydroxyl groups, with (B) a polyisocyanate having two or more functional groups and (C) a hydroxyl group-containing (meth)acrylate. Therefore, Yamazaki does not disclose the claimed urethane (meth)acrylate compound of claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 8-9, 11 and 14-17 are patentable over Yamazaki, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. References Cited in IDS

It is respectfully submitted that US 4,717,740 and WO 95/02004 do not disclose an urethane (meth)acrylate compound obtained by reacting (A) a polyol compound containing a phosphorus-containing polyol represented by formula (5) and a carboxyl group-containing, phosphorus-free polyol having one or more carboxyl groups and two or more alcoholic hydroxyl groups, with (B) a polyisocyanate having two or more functional groups and (C) a hydroxyl group-containing (meth)acrylate as recited in claim 1.

IV. Conclusion

For the above reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 8-9, 11 and 14-17 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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